

Appl. No. 10/657,547  
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Reply to Office Action of Nov. 16, 2004

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the previous listing of claims with the following listing of claims.

#### Listing of Claims

1-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling opening and closing of a vehicle door, comprising the steps of:

detecting the presence of an individual authorized to open the door and enter the vehicle, said detecting step comprising the step of arranging a sensor on the vehicle to cause a radio frequency identification device (RFID) possessed by the authorized individual to emit a signal indicative of the presence of the authorized individual and receiving the signal at the sensor;

generating a signal upon the detection of the presence of an authorized individual or an object possessed by the authorized individual; and

actuating a motor upon receipt of the signal to open or close the door.

19. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for controlling opening and closing of a vehicle door, comprising:

a sensor for detecting the presence of an individual authorized to open the door and enter the vehicle, said sensor being arranged to generate a signal upon the detection of the presence of an authorized individual or an object possessed by the authorized individual, said sensor being structured and arranged to cause a radio frequency identification device (RFID) to emit a signal indicative of the presence of the authorized individual and receive the signal emission; and

a motor coupled to said sensor and the door and arranged to open or close the door upon receipt of the signal from said sensor.

20-23. (Canceled)